

Application No. 09/175,905
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REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-16, 24, 29-34, 39-44, 72, 101-107, 144-150, 152-160, 168, 173-178, 183-188, 216, 245-251 and 288-306 are pending in the present application. By this reply, only independent claims 1 and 145 have been amended.

Interview Conducted

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the personal interview conducted with Applicants' representative on January 24, 2006, and for the Interview Summary provided during the interview.

During the interview, the Examiner has indicated that amending independent claims 1 and 145 to recite "additional data" embedded into the data stream would overcome the present prior art rejections, as set forth in the Interview Summary. Accordingly, to expedite prosecution only, independent claims 1 and 145 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Thus, the present application is now in condition for allowance.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 1-6, 8-16, 29-34, 39-44, 72, 101-107, 144-150, 152-160, 168, 173-178, 183-188, 216, 245-251 and 288-306 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Guck (U.S. Patent 5,911,776), in view of Shaw et al. (U.S. Patent 5,881,213) and further in view of Suzuki et al. (U.S. Patent 6,213,652) and further in view of Goertz et al. (U.S. Patent 6,173,295). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Without acquiescing to any of the Examiner's allegations made in rejecting these claims, to expedite prosecution only, independent claims 1 and 145 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner, as discussed above. Thus, the rejection is overcome and independent claims 1 and 145 and their dependent claims (due to the dependency) are patentable over the prior art of record. This Amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong (Reg. No. 40,953) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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